Practitioner's Docket No. 4020-005**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**In re application of: Duty, Carolyn I.Application No: 10 / 635,121Group No.: 3727Filed: 08/06/2003Examiner: Mai, Tri M.For: TOTE BAG WITH SINGLE STRAP AND POCKETS**Mail Stop Amendment****Commissioner for Patents****P.O. Box 1450****Alexandria, VA 22313-1450****TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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- (1) The statement specified in paragraph (e) of this section; or
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